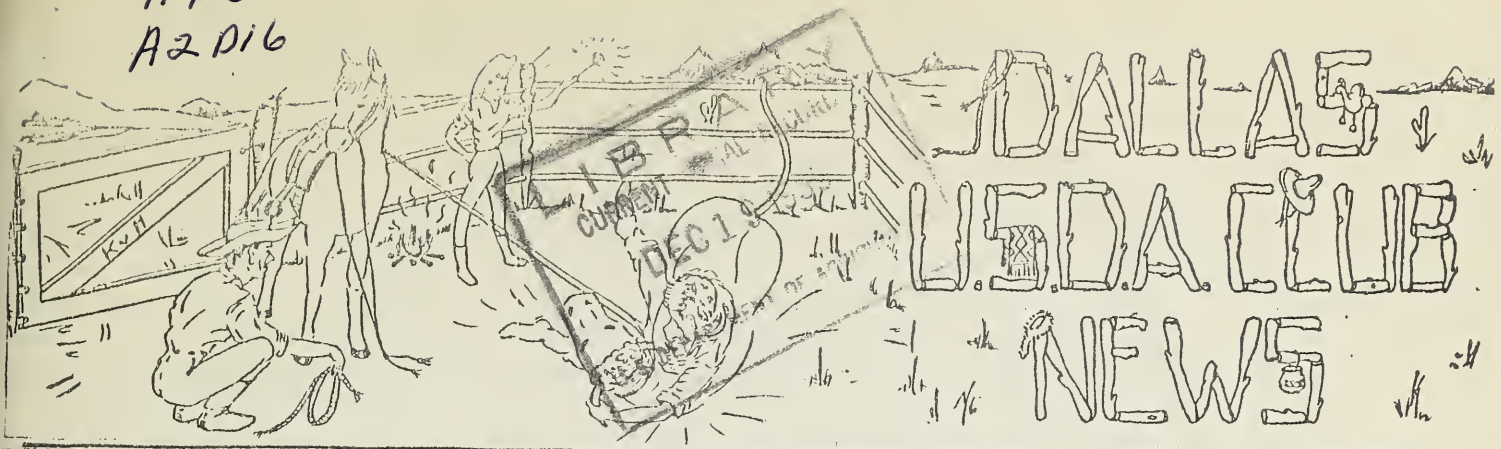


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EXPLANATION OF COMBINED CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN

By Rector B. Meyer

In a recent Federal Civil Service Biweekly Newsletter it was indicated that the plan to combine Civil Service retirement and social security would not result in the Civil Service Retirement's system being abandoned. The following information explains the Administration's new plan as contained in the above referred to newsletter.

In a speech delivered in Kansas City, Civil Service Commission Chairman Philip Young sought to allay employee fears of the Administration's pending new plan to give most Federal workers the advantage of both Social Security coverage and Civil Service Retirement System coverage.

The President has promised to send the plan to Congress early in the next session. Under it, employees with less than three years' Federal service would have Social Security coverage only. Others would have both Social Security and Civil Service Retirement coverage -- with considerable increase in benefits, and at a cost ordinarily less than the present cost of Social Security benefits alone.

Mr. Young's speech was delivered for him by Civil Service Commission Executive Director John Macy. He said:

"I want to emphasize that coordination (of the two systems) will not result, as some employees seem to fear, in merging the two systems; on the contrary, Civil Service retirement should and will definitely retain its identity as a separate system.

"Briefly, what we plan to propose is that Government employees be covered by both Civil Service retirement and Social Security, with such adjustments as may be necessary to give them both systems at the least possible cost.

"This plan follows the general practice in private industry, where company pension plans are designed to take full advantage of social security benefits. In no case have industry pension plans been scrapped in favor of Social Security-----.

"The extension of Social Security to Government employees may prove to be the best thing that could happen to Civil Service Retirement. It may be the means of protecting the system against charges that would seriously weaken it. It may also serve to keep the Civil Service Retirement System from becoming so costly that the Congress would be unwilling to authorize the necessary expenditure of public funds to keep it in operation."

I GAVE ONE DAY'S PAY

Someone noticed the amount of my contribution and commented: "I am proud of you, but I personally never knew anything the Community Chest did for anyone." I never saw anything either and didn't realize at the time they were doing so much for me, but now that I have checked the facts -- It shows that during 1954 the Community Chest helped my family in the amount of nearly \$650.00. How?.....In February 1954 I was working here and my children had to attend nursery school. I contacted the Family Service Agency, who referred me to Dallas Day Nurseries - a Community Chest agency. The lady at the nursery checked my application and figured my expenses and income and gave me a daily fee of 60 cents a day for each child. She told me the expense of child care in the nursery was \$2.00 per child per day, but the \$1.40 a day would be taken care of and that I could pay later. I had so much to think of and do with 5 children I never questioned her. I guess I thought it was paid for by "Taxes". But now that I've read Community Chest facts I know that the Dallas Community Chest furnished by children their nursery care for nearly four months almost free. They never mentioned to me the finances, nor asked for more money, even when I asked about it. The nursery was a good place for day care and the children enjoyed it and benefited by it greatly and looked forward to the day at school with their little friends and wonderful teachers.

Yes, I gave one day's pay. But I owe a big, big debt to the Community Chest. If you were one of the people who helped contribute the \$650.00 and made the facilities available when my children needed it, I am grateful to you. The children will always remember "Nursery School". Thanks; maybe I can do as much for you sometime.

- Margaret Steele -

"DALLAS USDA AGENCIES EXCEED CHEST QUOTA"

Dallas County Community Chest Campaign Headquarters has advised that the assigned quota of \$1500.00 for the Dallas USDA Agencies has been exceeded by more than 160%. Contributions in excess of \$2200.00 have been reported from the Dallas CSS Commodity Office, Farmers Home Administration, and the Cotton Division of Agricultural Marketing Service. Other Dallas USDA Agencies have reported separately. 100% participation has been reported by Claims and Collection Section, Fiscal Division, and Traffic Management Section, POD, of the Dallas CSS Commodity Office. A further check will probably reveal 100% participation by other sections.

While the USDA Club News does not represent that it is our privilege or function to express thanks for the splendid showing by USDA workers, it is our individual thought that each and every one of us should feel very proud of this record. We feel sure that Community Chest Headquarters will express its written thanks, and if this action is made known to us, the notification will be reproduced herein.

Good Rules for All

A schoolroom poster published in The Journal of the National Education Association contains five resolves which might well be taken by adults as well as children:

"1. I will control my tongue, and will not allow it to speak mean, vulgar, or profane words. I will think before I speak. I will tell the truth and only the truth.

"2. I will control my temper, and will not get angry when people or things displease me. Even when indignant against wrong and contradicting falsehood, I will keep my self-control.

"3. I will control my thoughts, and will not allow a foolish wish to spoil a wise purpose.

"4. I will control my actions. I will be careful and thrifty and insist on doing right.

"5. I will not ridicule nor defile the character of another. I will keep my self-respect and help others to keep theirs."

We cannot afford to let our children get ahead of us in any of these five particulars.

CSS Office Installs New IBM Equipment

Type 604 IBM Electronic Computer was installed in the Dallas Office of CSS during September. Accounting Section Chief, James T. Caruth states the advantages of this machine over previous types are principally speed and constancy. The new machine runs 100 cards per minute constantly, whereas the former type has a variable speed depending on timing and different computations. Electric lights under glass show exactly what the machine is doing and when it is performing the various operations. All operations are shown by the lights step by step.

Electronic methods are used for performing all basic types of calculations. Factors are read from IBM cards, the calculations made in a fraction of a second, and the results punched automatically in the cards.

Type 604 adds or subtracts amounts punched in the same cards or in successive cards; it multiplies; it divides; and performs these operations repetitively and in combination as required. All calculations and punching are checked in a separate operation, or, in some cases in the same operation to insure accuracy. When the factors are reversed, the cards can be recalculated and the results can be punched a second time.

Our CSS office prides itself on being high in production insuring promptness of operations. With this new helper the office hopes to increase its already unusually good record of production. Other IBM machinery will also be installed in this Office in the near future

which will further aid in the work of the CSS office.

USDA Worker Honored

Mr. Roy A. Hutchison of CSS was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding USDA Club Work during 1954. R. N. Richardson, former president, presented the award as a portion of the USDA program held on September 21, 1955. USDA Club News has received the following card from Mr. Hutchison:

I wish to express my appreciation to those responsible for my being selected as an Honor Member of the Dallas USDA Club for the year 1954.

It was a pleasure to have served as chairman of the committee on correlation and public service.

-ROY A. HUTCHISON-

Community Chest Agency Expresses Thanks

The following is a letter received by Mildred Yeager from Mrs. Ruby L. Carroll, Supr., Hester Memorial Lighthouse for the Blind, a Community Chest Agency:

"Thank you so very much for the fine tribute to Hester Memorial Lighthouse in your June and July issue of USDA Club News. We are always grateful for the opportunity to make new friends. Please accept this note of thanks, also our very best wishes."

Our thanks to Miss Yeager for her fine article. To our mind, this was an act of Christian charity as much as a cash contribution would be. In fact it might even be more valuable, since it could conceivably lead to larger material donations by many of the fine people in USDA.

Dallas USDA Club Personnel Hear Civilian Defense Prog.

Personnel from the various agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, representing the Dallas USDA Club composed of all employees of the Department in Dallas, was gathered together on September 21 in the Munger Room of the YWCA for the purpose of hearing Civilian Defense measures discussed.

The meeting was conducted by Messrs. Leslie Holland and Gaines West from the Civilian Defense Headquarters at Denton, Texas. The gentlemen were introduced by G. R. McPherson, club president. Movies were shown of mock atomic attacks and safety measures discussed in connection therewith.

Holland and West suggested that personnel gain knowledge of their surroundings pertaining to gas and water cut-offs, electrical safety measures, fire fighting devices, light rescue, etc. First Aid training and knowledge of purification of water and needed food supplies were stressed.

The defense leaders also suggested that shelter be prepared in the homes such as basement, storm cellar, or reinforcement on first floor of home, and that individuals acquaint themselves with any evacuation plan the city may have. They also stressed to remain ever alert to necessary changes in protection plans.

Let's Look At It this Way

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.

Deep Sea Fishing A La CSS

They tell me it all started with Pearlie Miller, who serves as Chief of Shipping and Allocation Section, (POD CSS) merely to support his family and have some left over to enjoy his real occupation of fishing - any place, any time, any way. Pearlie made the usual arrangements for a deep-sea fishing expedition in the Galveston region of the Gulf - a trip usually resulting in bountiful catches of red snapper, dolphin, and other deep-sea varieties. The usual arrangement is for four to six people. But this time the rolling stone really started gathering fish hooks instead of moss, and when it wound up the following had experienced a real week-end, many for the first try at the finny tribe on the rolling blue:

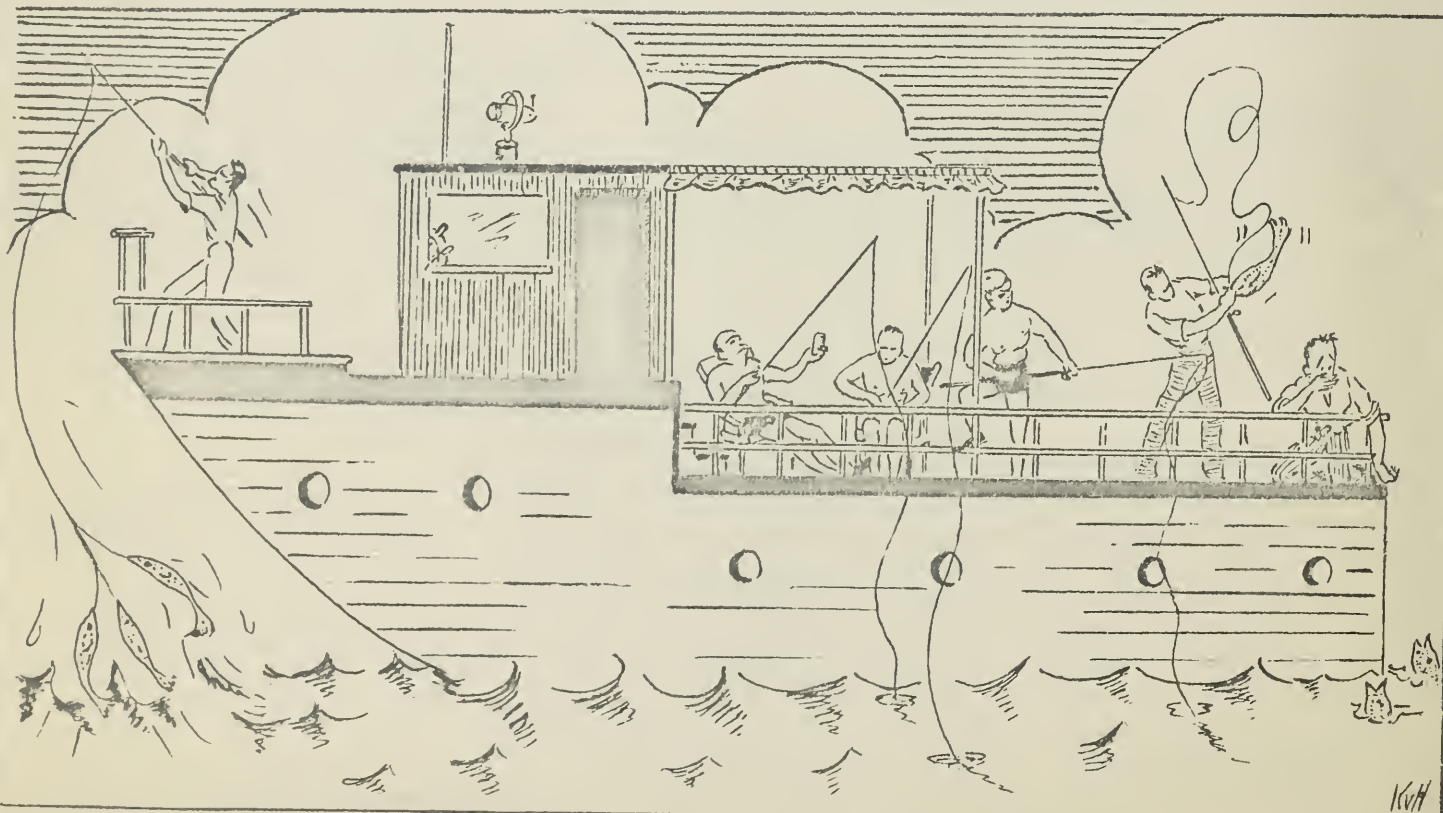
Bill Boren
Ed Bart
Grady Huffman
Tom Hedgepeth
Geo. McPherson

Arnold Ferguson
Jim Wright
George Jacobs
Howard Allison
Hank Sundahl

Dewey Thomas
Eston Dennard
Pearlie Miller
Harold Wright
Beecher Terrell

The Group left by automobiles about noon on a Friday and arrived in Galveston in time for supper and the usual preparations for the voyage. The "bed" (I'm getting real nautical, eh?) of snapper being about seven hours out by boat, the Dallas paper-shufflers embarked at 10 P.M. to arrive at fish feeding time. Actually, some fish feeding began almost immediately. Chief contributors, we are advised, were Grady Huffman and Beecher Terrell. As Grady explains it, fishermen are divided into two groups - catchers and pitchers. And you can't hardly get a line over the side from your bunk anymore, can you, Grady?.

The box-score? 400 pounds (about 250 fish, chiefly red snapper) for the group in 6 hours. Commodore Pearlie states this was quite good, considering the inexperience of most of the group and the presence of Huffman, which is figured to have set back the sport of fishing by at least 100 years. Most of the group returned to Dallas Saturday night. The consensus - real fun, but take more time if you possibly can. And, oh yes, Grady is expected to recover.



Veteran USDA Employee Undergoes Eye Surgery

Fellow-workers in Examination Section (FI CSS) extend deepest sympathies to Inez Warren, who has recently undergone major eye surgery at Baylor Hospital. Inez is known to her co-workers as a very quiet and efficient worker, who displays a devotion to duty not exceeded by any individual we have ever known in any walk of life. A smaller group of us who have known her for several of her 20 years with the Department can attest that Inez possesses a keen appreciation of literature, arts, and music, in addition to a brilliant memory and a keen sense of humor which unfortunately is not expressed often enough.

Inez lives in Cleburne and has been commuting more than 100 miles daily for more than 10 years. This remarkable record is one evidence of the character embodied in this really dedicated person. Our thoughts are of you often, Inez, and our best wishes are of course for your speedy and complete recovery. May we suggest many visitors for Inez at such time as we are permitted?

Mrs. Ellenberger Is In Hospital

Mrs. Virginia Ellenberger of CSS, popular employee of the Mail Room is in Methodist Hospital of Dallas, Room 220, following surgery.

Mrs. Ellenberger is greatly missed. She has been in charge of the Mail Room at CSS for several years. She has a charming and helpful personality and all employees extend wishes for a speedy recovery.

Daughter of CSS Worker Hospitalized

Frances, the daughter of our own Edith West (Secretary to E. O. Bart, Chief, ES FI CSS) was recently hospitalized due to a severe allergy of yet undetermined cause. We extend to Edith our expressions of sympathy, as we know there exists an unusually close bond between this mother and daughter. We are reminded, too, of Edith's fine actions of spreading the word when others of us are ill or experience personal sorrow. We hope our actions for you can repay you in some small measure of comfort in mind and body.

CSS Employees Win Cash Awards For Suggestions

Four CSS employees received cash awards in August for Employee Suggestions. They were

Bill Williamson (POD)	\$90.00
David M. Wells (FI)	45.00
Irma L. Compton (FI)	35.00
Mildred L. Yeager (FI)	30.00

Mrs. Compton's check was mailed, as she is no longer employed at CSS. The checks were presented to the named individuals by Mr. C. W. Polson, Chief, POD, and H. C. Goodpasture, Chief, FI. For other news on Employee Suggestions, please see Page 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Woychesin "Janelle," who worked here in Traffic & Grain Staff has a baby boy, born Oct. 5, at McKinney. Congratulations you all.

Good afternoon ! I'm Amanda Celia, 7 pounds 2½ ounces. Arrived Aug. 11, Nightingale. Parents, Dudley and Joyce Cart, Irving.

Expression of Thanks

To those who contributed toward expenses during the hospitalization of my little daughter Linda, I wish to express my sincerest appreciation. Without your help, morally and financially, I don't believe I could have gone on much longer. My spirits were extremely low over her condition, and where I would turn next for help. Just to know there are people who are interested in one, does more to help the individual than you will ever know, unless you have actually experienced what they are going through. Just know, each and every one of you, I have thanked God many, many times for your thoughtfulness and may He bless each of you. Also, the many people who have offered their help in caring for her sister Laura, age 5, I am grateful to you. The situation has relaxed some, but there are still more tests and examinations to be made as soon as she gains a little weight, but she is out of danger.

Special thanks to Maxine Queen who had the entire work load on her shoulders for almost a month; to Willy Young, Opal Conelius, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Meyer, Virginia Ellenburger and many many others for the words "Keep your chin up, you will make it". It has helped---believe me.

Thanks--Thanks--Many many times from the depths of my heart to all of you

Lee Waller and Daughters
Linda and Laura



Early Christmas Order

Dear Santa Claus: In view of my Sunday Widowhood, the little car in the picture is just what I would like to have for Christmas. I have been a good little girl and let my husband have a pass anytime he wanted to play golf (he'd play anyhow, pass or not). I am sure my having this little car would improve his golf no end (just think of the back-seat Kibbitzing I could do). The little car has room for two so I could take along one of my girl friends (especially one who talks loud) and teach her to start yapping just when he is ready to putt. As you can see, my overwhelming desire for this little car is just to make my husband happy. I might even let him ride in it when he gets "too pooped to putt." Sincerely,

-Naomi Gibson -

Anybody You Know?

"My mind is made up. Please do not confuse me with the facts."

About the only thing left nowadays to tax is one's memory.

POPULAR CSS COUPLE MARRIED SEPT. 17TH

Margie Kavanaugh and Bill Williamson of CSS were married in the Dickerson Chapel of the First Methodist Church of Dallas on September 17th amid an arrangement of white floral design.

The bride was attired in pink lace with flowing skirt of ballerina length and matching head piece. Mrs. John Webb, who attended the bride, wore contrasting blue and Terry Kay Kavanaugh, six year old daughter of the bride, who also attended, wore white with full skirt over pink. R. L. Schneider, brother of the bride, gave the bride away. John Webb served as best man. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich Jr. officiated.

Ushers were Charles Jarvis and Kenneth Proper.

A reception was held in the home of J. M. Williamson, brother of the groom, and Mrs. Williamson at 4117 Brunswick. Sidewalks and the lawn and backyard were brilliantly lit with candles which guided the guests into the lovely home and to the backyard where the huge wedding cake of pink design was cut on a table covered with a beautiful white wedding tablecloth touching the grass. Members of the house party were Dorothy Reid, Evelyn Proper, Willie Young and Mrs. Bill Cox.

Margie, who is receptionist at CSS, is one of the most beautiful and popular employees of the Agency. She is the daughter of Mrs. H. N. Garretson of Decatur. Bill is an employee of the Program Operations Division

and is very popular with co-workers. He is the son of Mrs. S. E. Williamson of Dallas.

After a wedding trip to Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico and Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple will reside at 2114 Highwood Drive.

BRIDAL SHOWER GIVEN IN R.A. VERNON HOME

On September 9th the R. A. (Russ) Vernon home, 1714 Quadrangle, was the scene of a lovely miscellaneous shower, honoring Margie Kavanaugh, bride elect of Bill Williamson. Hostesses for the occasion were Evelyn Proper, Yvonne Dillehay and Marguerite Vernon.

A pink and white color scheme was used for decorations. The lovely cake was arranged in shades of pink and pink flowers of Queen's Wreath were used in decorations. Unwrapped gifts decorated the living room and a large number of gifts were opened by the honoree in the presence of guests. About 35 guests participated.

Stream Lining

The slender and bouncing figure you have surely noticed among the Office of Audit personnel assigned to 3306 Main St. is none other than Jerry Ladner, who formerly could have posed as a small blimp, has shed 40 pounds and states that he never felt better. Our congratulations to the lad, as many of us know that it is not an easy task to lose any pounds, muchless the aforementioned 40. Jerry, who travels a lot, states that it has become necessary to re-introduce himself to practically everybody.

Milk Marketing Order News

Tom Dubberly has been transferred to the Milk Administrator's Office in Austin, to assume duties as Head of the Auditing Staff. Tom started with the Dallas Office of the Marketing Administrator's Office (Milk Marketing Order) in 1951. Prior to that time he was with CSS for nearly 2 years. Congratulations to the personable Mr. Dubberly.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Eugene Dunham to the M.A. Office 6619 Denton Dr. as Agricultural Statistician. Mr. Dunham received his Master's Degree from Louisiana State University in July and joined the M.A. Staff the first of August.

We would also like to welcome to the M.A. Office Mr. Billy Ray Rice and Mr. Marion H. Ford who are located in the Milk Testing Department. Mr. Rice and Mr. Ford are August graduates of East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas.

- Glen Hooks -

Back Home

Commodity Office welcomes the return of Mr. Bert Cannefax to our midst. Bert began his career with the Department in 1940 and first came to CSS from the Office of Audit in June 1950. In January 1952 he transferred to Compliance and Investigation Branch. Cannefax is serving as the Assistant Chief, Claims and Collection Section, FI. We are all happy to welcome back this large economy-sized package of friendliness. (P.S.) Most of the females in this large office think that Mr. Cannefax is the prettiest man around. I do not know how Mr. Cannefax will react to this, but if it were me I would be most flattered.

CSS Office Promotes Training Program

At a meeting held on August 23, 1955 by G. R. McPherson, Deputy Director for Management, supervisors unit heads, and section chiefs of the Fiscal Division expressed enthusiasm for the Employee Training Program which is being sponsored for the purpose of improving methods and promoting efficiency and increased production with the Dallas CSS Commodity Office.

The program has been in existence in the Dallas office for the past several weeks.

Fifteen representatives from the Fiscal Division, who serve in supervisory capacities, attended the meeting. Howard A. Allison Personnel Officer, spoke upon various phases of the program and stated, "It is a real supervisory need to not only give employees instructions on the job they are doing but to also follow the principles of good management and good supervision."

- M. Yeager

"Marriage Revealed"

Mary King, who formerly worked in the Dallas Commodity Office, was married on Sunday October 2, to Sergeant Charles W. Hales at Raton, New Mexico. The couple will make their home in Denver, where the bride has lived two years while employed by USDA. The groom is stationed at Fitzsimmons General Hospital.

Our thanks to Thera Mefford (aunt of the bride), of Fiscal Division, Denver Field Office for this news.

Mother of CSS Employee Passes

Our sympathies are extended to Helen McDaniel in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cornelius. Helen works in Examination Section (FI-CSS) and is the type of individual who is always the first to lend words of comfort and cheer to others of us who have suffered losses. We know that Helen will receive great comfort and inspiration from the fact that a hand-made crochet bedspread, made by her mother some years ago, recently took its second State Fair blue ribbon. While we were not privileged to know Mrs. Cornelius personally, we feel sure that she must have been a truly wonderful person, as her daughter is truly a wonderful person.

Accounting Section Worker To Resign

Eldorene Wojtek, who has worked as a key-punch operator in the Commodity Office for more than 2 years, will shortly resign as she and her husband plan to move to Houston. Eldorene has been assigned by her husband the task of disposing of their Dallas home. The home is a 5-room frame with asbestos siding. We are advised that the house will FHA at monthly payments of less than \$60.00 dollars after a small down payment. For more details, you can still reach Eldorene on Extension 2086. (The last name is pronounced like "whoa-jack").

For Sale

1950 Lincoln Club Coupe, white sidewalls, radio, heater, leather upholstery, 69,000 miles, good condition \$500.

*Jewel McLeod-

Ext. 859

Res. WE-7862

Organization Changes at 3306 Main Street

The following organization changes and personnel reassignments have been announced by C. H. Moseley, Director of the Dallas CSS CO:

The Program Operations Division has been reorganized into two divisions - one, the Commodity Operations Division with Mr. Chester W. Polson as Chief, having under his supervision the Commodity Specialist Staff and the Inventory Control and Shipping Section.

The new Division is the Traffic Management Division with Col. A. E. Morris as Chief, having under his jurisdiction the present Traffic Management Section.

Mr. Arnold E. Ferguson has been assigned as Assistant Chief, of the Commodity Operations Division.

Mr. James A. Wright has been detailed as acting-in-charge of the General Commodities Group of the Commodity Specialist Staff.

Mr. Irby Q. Rankin is placed in charge of the Grain Group of the Commodity Specialist Staff.

Mr. George R. Shadwick is assigned to the position vacated by Mr. Rankin, in charge of the Bulk Grain Group of the Inventory Control and Shipping Section.

- C. H. Moseley -

For Sale

Mahogany Secretary Desk with "Lyre" back chair - seat damask covered - beautiful condition - can be seen at 100 Byrdway, Grand Prairie, Texas. \$65.00 for both. Call Sandra Daly- Exchange 829.

For Sale

Bicycle, Boys 26" Good condition, Chrome fenders, Luggage Rack, Kick stand & Light. Call Frank Isbell- EXT-829.

For Sale

Two Gilbert American Flyer 3/16" scale electric trains. One is "Silver Bullet" passenger; the other is freight. Both have transformers.

Also station, smoke capsules and beacon included. Price: \$30.00 for both.

-Marshall (Casey Jones) Bond- Ext. 2278.

Wanted

Lovable Fluffy White or Red Persian Cat.

- Jewel McLeod- EXT. 859

Taxi Service For Bus Fare

IF YOU want portal to portal pay ask the boss! IF YOU want portal to portal delivery to and from work and live in Oak Lawn, University Park or Inwood Section ask me. EXT 2279.

-Marian Pressman-

V.F.W. CLUB 2115 Commerce

Friday Oct. 28
On or before 7:00PM.

Dancing
From 9:30-12:30

DOOR PRIZES

Tickets .25¢ or 5 for \$1.00

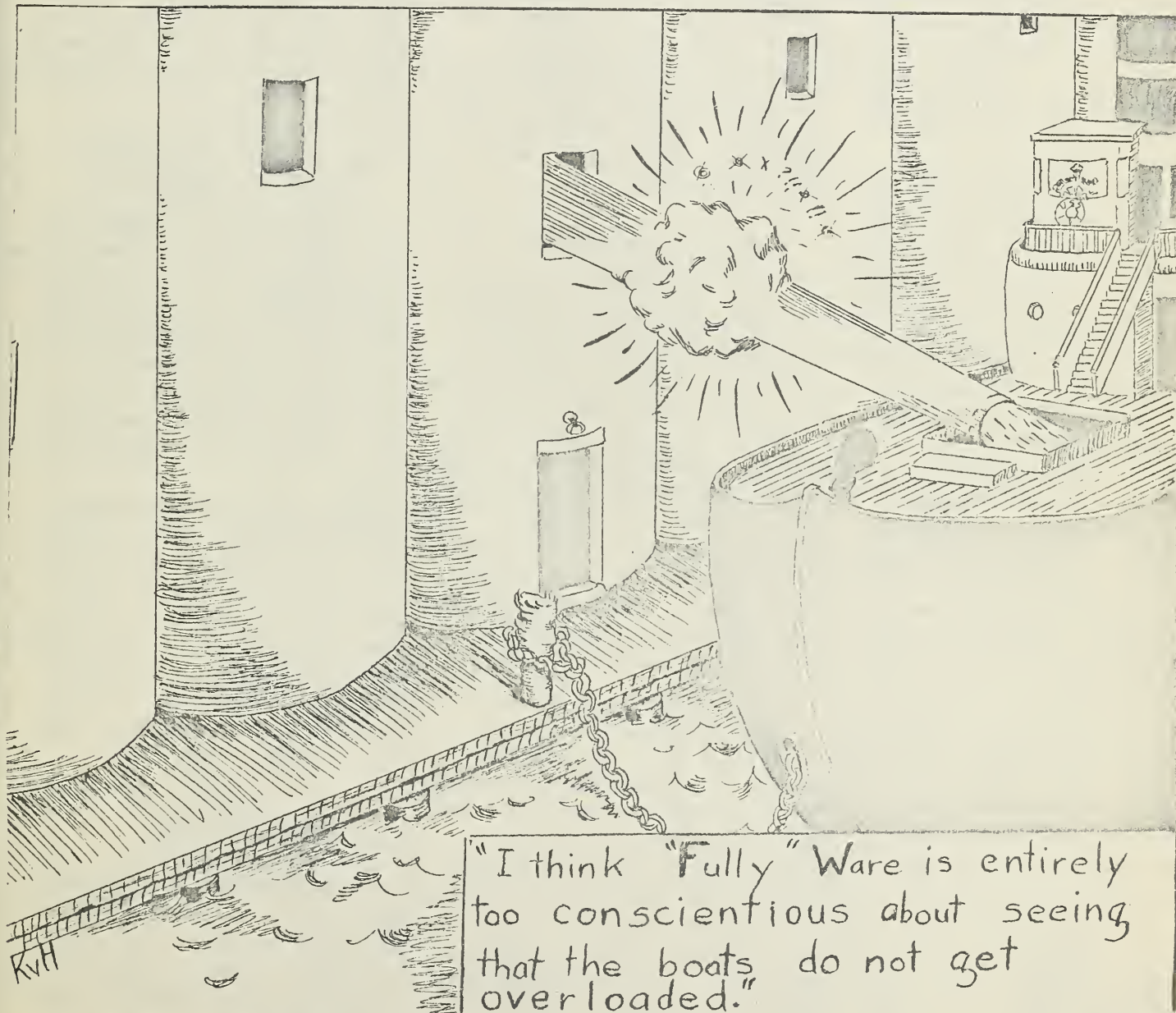
Country Cured HAM
Deep Fryer
Electric Clock
Heating Pad

DRAWING 9:15

½ Slab Country Bacon
T.V. Lamp
½ Slab Country Bacon
Set T.V. Trays

The second in the series of Fall meetings sponsored by the USDA Club was held on October 11, in the Mungler Room of the downtown YWCA. This meeting was attended by more than 100 USDA Club members and nearly all agencies of USDA were represented. The highlight of this meeting was an address by Dr. A. Q. Sartain, who is a Professor of Psychology at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Sartain spoke on the general subject of Employee Relationships and the responsibilities of Worker to Supervisor and Supervisor to Worker. This was a very timely speech and all present were greatly impressed by both the speech and the unique delivery of Dr. Sartain. The appearance of Dr. Sartain was arranged by Harold Williams of USDA Club Board of Directors. The meeting was presided over by George R. McPherson.

The time, place, and nature of the November meeting of the USDA Club has not yet been announced. However, we feel sure that you will want to attend, as great efforts are being made to bring the Club the best type of programs available. May we also remind you that these meetings are an official function of the Department and any member desiring to attend may be excused from his regular duties to be present.



Surely you can think up something as humorous as this. Call our artist Kathryn Van Haltern or David Wells at Station 833 and we will discuss your cartoon idea.

Long-Tile CSS Employees
Resign

The Dallas CSS Commodity Office recently lost two veteran employees to private industry. Both have been missed because of their cheerfulness, friendliness, and their ability and experience in their jobs. Russell A. Vernon, Assistant Chief, Field Operations Division, and Eston E. Dennard, Chief, General Commodities Staff (POD), have accepted positions with Dallas firms. Mr. Vernon's connection is with Grain Warehousing, and Mr. Dennard will serve as vice president of a newly organized business handling all phases of the cottonseed products industry. Russ started with USDA in Farm Security Administration in 1940; he started with CSS in 1950, after several years in Office of Audit. Eston began his USDA work in 1943 with Compliance & Investigation Branch. His service with CSS dates from 1950. It seems somewhat hollow and trite to say merely that we wish the best for each of these two fine, efficient workers. We do, of course, but we could say that (and mean it) for people we didn't even like. Maybe our feelings for both of you can be expressed this way: If we were to choose two individuals to represent the very finest of all the fine folks at USDA, then those two individuals would be Russ Vernon and Eston Dennard !

"Doodles"



Guess who. See page 12

Other USDA Club Doings

Tom Kendrick, the personable Washington Technical Staffer who spent several weeks in our office the past summer, has sent us a copy of Ag Reporter, published by Washington USDA employees. His paper is not an official publication of the Department; I suppose this means that the individuals putting out the paper are not supposed to work on it during duty hours. With our little paper it is different, of course - we are permitted to do this as long as it doesn't interfere with regularly assigned duties. (You probably know what my next question is, don't you, Dr. Anthony?).

Has the Jury Reached a Verdict?

The maxims of jurisprudence received a double-barrelled threat in early October, when the wheel came up with the names of both J. Tom Hedgepeth and Jerry Davis. Hedgepeth reports that color television still has a long way to go and Davis says the domino games are fixed. If this doesn't make sense, then you should ask each about his stint with jury duty.

About Face

Carrie Ruth Winter, (Ex, FI, CSS) a real pretty mother of three girls, resigned on Friday before Labor Day, journeyed to the Rio Grande Valley and then turned right around and came back with us on Tuesday. This proves that 1). She likes CSS and/or 2) We like her or 3). It's true that Winter never really stays in the Rio Grande Valley ! (All right, you make up one then !)

"With a Yo-Ho-Ho"

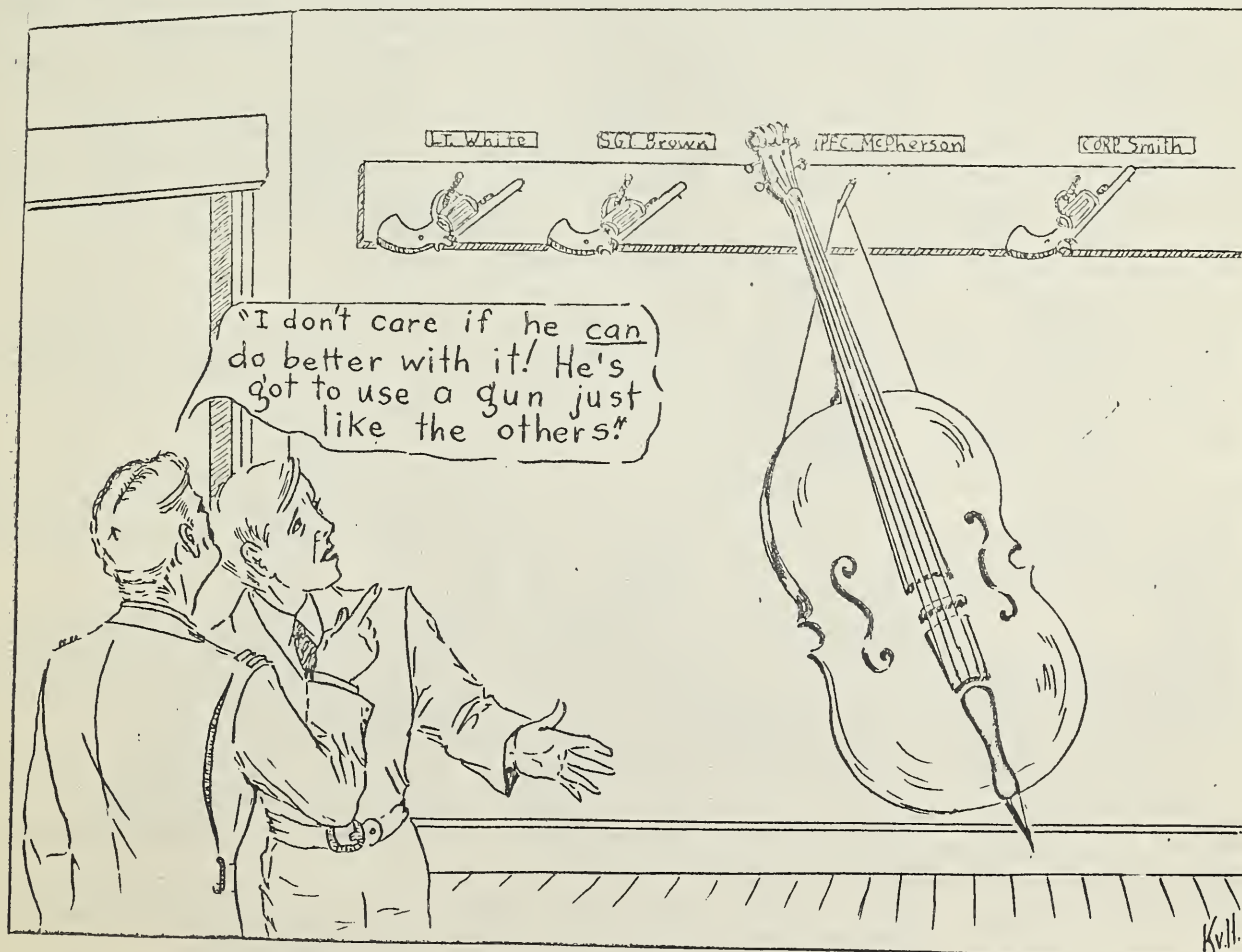
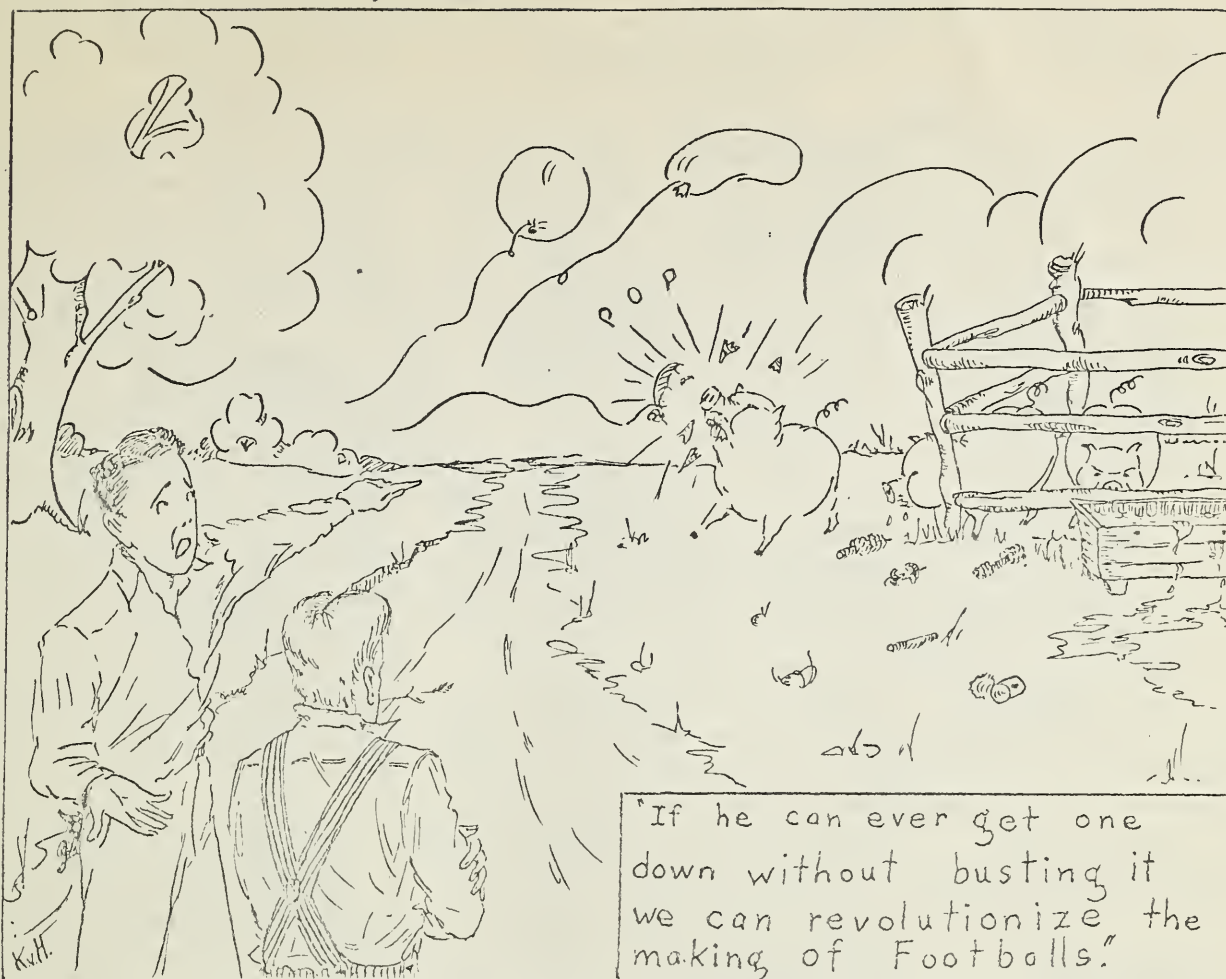
The real affable Billy Howell (Ex FI) recently pried himself loose from the torture rack of warehouse storage payments long enough for a two week's tour with the Naval Air Reserve. The Dallas group was scheduled to fly non-stop to Hawaii from San Diego, but our Blue-Jacket exercised his prerogative and declined. The decision came after he happened to notice that his plane lost one of its engines en route to California. Glad to have you back in one large piece, Billy; that backlog probably even looked good.

"Some Day All of This Will be Yours"

Purchasers of Homes (or mortgages thereon) now includes Jerry Davis in Duncanville (He's helping to build this one, but the architects are expected to survive) Mary Nell Barnes, who states that this is one item that the Credit Union hasn't handled. Jimmy Mize, "the Gay Auditor", who dumped his wife, child, and furniture in one night and then left for a six-weeks' audit (This sort of thing can create widows, too, Mize). Roy Hutchison, who really didn't have to, as we have already mentioned him once this issue.

Recuperating

We are very happy to know that one of our fellow employees, Pride Liles, is recovering from a recent operation and will be back with us within a very short time, after an absence which began in early September. Keep up the good work, Pride; you are being missed and we'll be glad to see you back.



Higher (and Higher) Education

The handsome features missing since mid-September in Accounts & Reports Unit, Accounting Section (FI-CSS) belong to Wm. C. (Bill) Wakefield. Bill has taken a year leave of absence and is now enrolled at SMU to complete studies for his degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree. Bill lacks only a few hours on the former and has hopes of completing requirements for the MA in about a year. Bill's educational equipment includes a new Ford convertible; this may sound strange to some, but maybe they're dispersing knowledge now in drive-in class-rooms. Bill was presented a handsome golf wedge (and offered a shovel) by his colleagues as a back-to-school present.

Really Rolling

The USDA Bowling League is well into its Fall Season. The group consists of eight 4-men teams. Current high averages are held by Bill Boren for the Lads and Myra Boren for the Lasses. Arnold Ferguson, who was carrying a neat (but hardly gaudy) average of 98, suddenly smote a single game of 268 (including handicap) to win the latest weekly jackpot. (I had heard that boxing, wrestling, and horse-races are sometimes fixed, but---). Visitors are welcome and nearly always get a chance to bowl.

Janie Hatley, (ES-FI) a ham-hock-and-butterbeans refugee from Old Dixie, says the real pronunciation of that delightful word is "and-you-all" leave. Taken no doubt, from a Southern Latin word meaning "Let's everybody bail out".

CSS Loses Champion Bachelor

"Of much interest to their many friends, etc." How many times in the past have we read them, but this time the interest is very real to all their friends in CSS. We are talking about Mr. & Mrs. Wm. O. Kretsinger, affectionately known as "Ellie and Kret".

Some time ago, the little man with the bow and arrow found his mark once more and Kret revealed to his friends in CSS that he had been snared. To put it in his own words, he said: "Here's an indication that employee's suggestions do get consideration! Several employees have suggested that remaining an old single guy ain't right. So.....

It's October 7, 1955 at 8:00 p.m. at the Sudie George Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church!

The announcement created much excitement among the women who are always glad to find a member of their sex. has outwitted a wary male, and much satisfaction among the married men to learn that Kret had proved to be no smarter than they had been. (The single men left, still feel very superior, I understand)

The wedding was a very beautiful one with the bride looking as lovely as only a bride can. A reception was held in the church parlor, after which the happy couple left on a honeymoon trip, traveling by car through the Great Smokey Mountains and on by plane to New York. Little was heard of them while they were gone but Loan and Custody Unit did receive one card which said "Traveling by plane at 7000 feet over lovely mountains.

Having breakfast. So glad you aren't here!

Ellie and Kret are back now and all of us extend to them a heartfelt welcome home with the sincere wish that they will always be as happy as two such nice people deserve to be.

— Neva Russell

Minnie Carp, a wholesome lass with impish grin who fights loading order preparation with might and main in POD, CSS, goes home at night to the care and feeding of a herd (yes, that's the word) of chinchillas. One of her basic rules for infant 'Chillas: No bottle feeding. "I just show them where their mother keeps it; up to now, they've all figured it out".

Off The Old Block

Harlan Wright, Jr. the son of our Harlan Wright (POD Grain Staff) was also on our payroll for several months this summer but has departed to continue his art studies at Ringling School of Art, Sarasota, Florida. We predict a brilliant future for this lad. His nickname: "Big Boy", naturally.

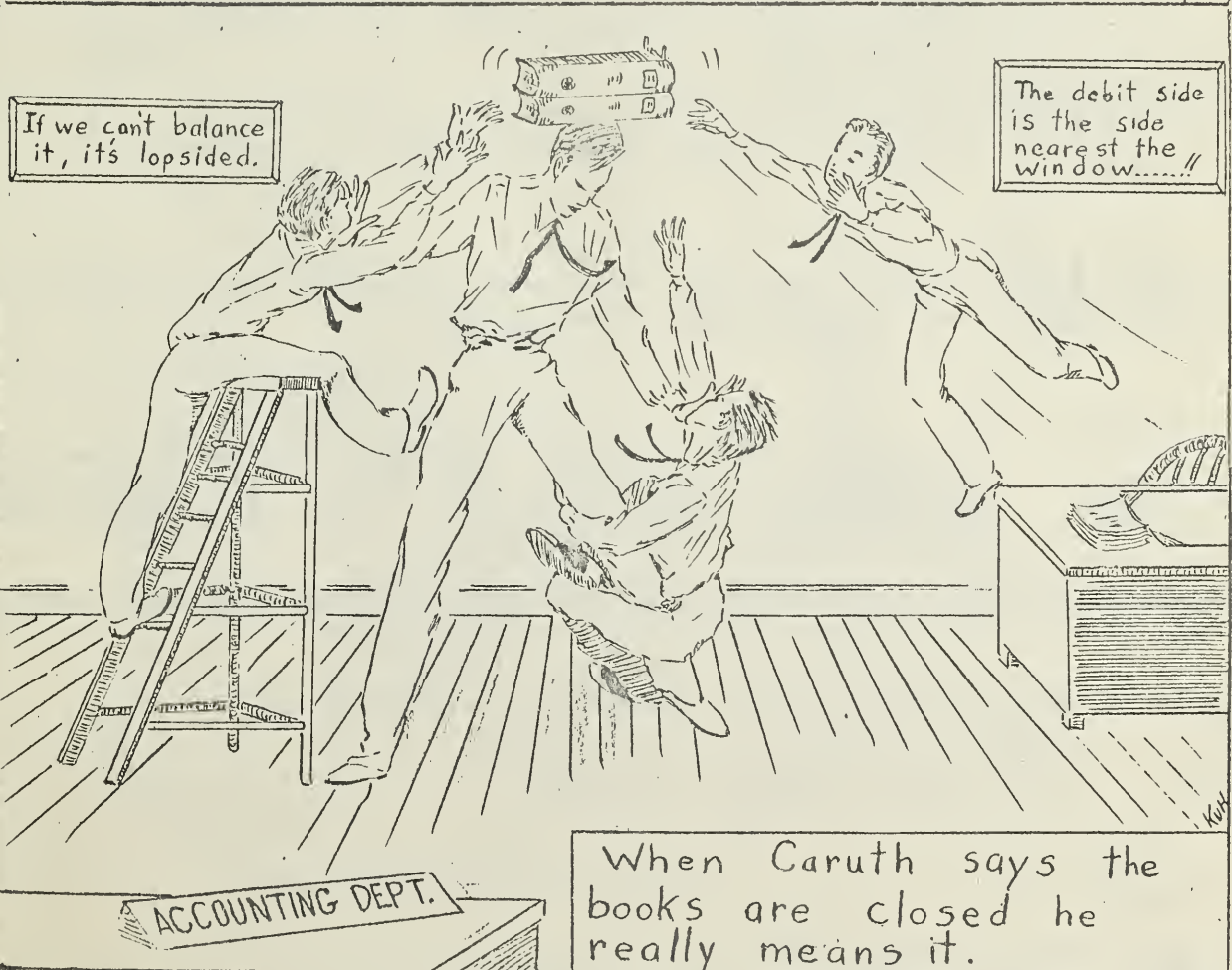
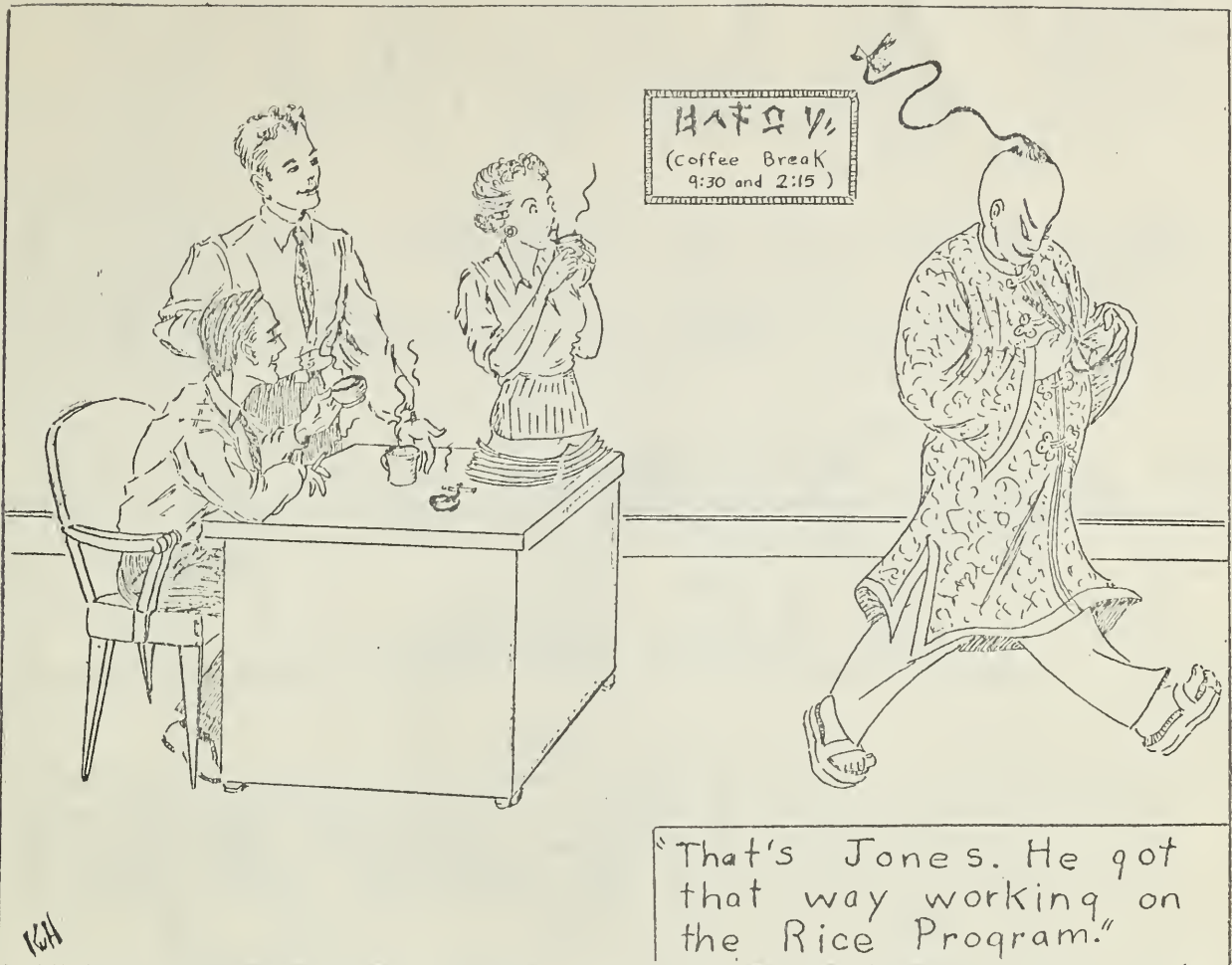
Cheerfulness will open a door when other keys fail.

To err is human, but when the eraser wears out before the pencil, you're overdoing it.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.

Answer to Droodle (Page 10): Lillie Scott.

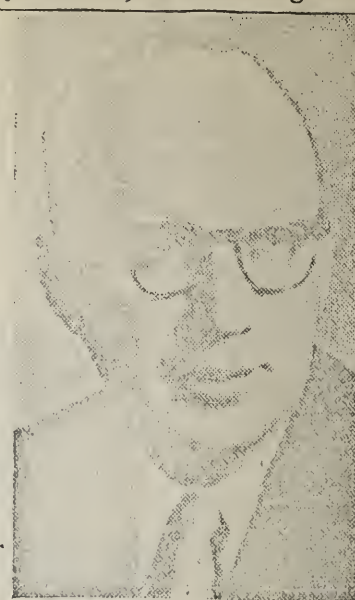
For that rundown feeling, try jaywalking.



THINK AND GROW RICH

Many will recognize the above as the title of a famous book by George Washington Hill. By investing \$3.00 for a copy of same, many men and women in all walks of life have indeed become rich, both in mind and substance, by applying the principles set out by Mr. Hill.

We submit that there exists for you and me a very direct means to "Think and Grow Rich". How? By investing our time and thoughts in the Employee Incentive Awards Program, commonly referred to as "Employee Suggestions". The rewards are both in cash and in public recognition.



E. E. DENNARD

The recent winner of a Superior Service Award (directly connected with an Employee Suggestion) and \$800.00 dollars in real folding money puts it this way:

"I can tell you that you will get a wealth of personal satisfaction out of winning an award, as well as the cash you receive for a worthwhile suggestion. Your suggestion will improve the work of your own office and may be adopted on a nationwide basis. Remember, too, that suggestions are factors in promotions.

The formula for winning an award is simple....You just.....

STOP

Think how you might do your job more effectively, at a saving in time and money. Bam! An idea pops up.

START

Analyze your idea and discuss its merits with your supervisor, who will be happy to assist you.

GO

Place your idea in writing. Use simple, concise, direct language, presented in brief factual form. Give a brief resume showing how many manpower hours and how many dollars your government will save by the adoption of your suggestion.

Try it... you will get personal satisfaction in the knowledge you have contributed something toward the betterment of public service.

The field is ripe for the harvest. You can win up to \$25,000.
Stop.....Start.....Go.....

E. E. Dennard

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